

XII. *Description of an additional Species of Ceria.*

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At a recent meeting I laid before this Society descriptions of several new species of the interesting Dipterous genus *Ceria*. To the paper which was then read I beg now to add another fine species which I have detected in the rich entomological collection of the Rev. F. W. Hope, after whom I take the liberty of naming it. This species will range in the division with the first joint of the abdomen much attenuated, and next to *Ceria Gambiana*, W. W. S., adding one more species to the African group of this genus.

*Ceria Hopei*, W. W. Saund. (Plate IV. fig. 6.)

Head yellow with the vertex, a broad line down the centre of the face, and two lateral patches just beneath the eyes, dark chesnut. Antennæ and pedicle of the same colour. Eyes black-brown. Thorax dark chesnut, with a broad longitudinal yellow band on each side, extending from the base of each wing to the anterior margin, and another broad band of the same colour reaching downwards from a little before the base of each wing. Scutellum yellow. Abdomen with the first joint much attenuated, long, of a dark chesnut, becoming nearly black towards the base, on each side of which there are two yellow lobes; second, third and fourth joints black-brown, with an ashy tint. Wings sandy, with a broad rufous brown band along the anterior margin, growing blackish towards the apex. Legs dark chesnut, with the tarsi somewhat darker.

Length seven-tenths inch, expan. 1 inch and 3-tenths.

Inhabits Sierra Leone.

In the Cabinet of the Rev. F. W. Hope.

This species is nearly allied to *C. Gambiana*, but a marked difference exists in the three terminal joints of the abdomen being concolorous.